

In the Claims:

Amend claims 25, 26 and 28 as indicated below:

1 (cancelled).

2 (cancelled).

3 (cancelled).

4 (cancelled).

5 (cancelled).

6 (cancelled).

7 (cancelled).

8 (cancelled).

9 (cancelled).

10 (cancelled).

11 (cancelled).

12 (cancelled).

13 (Amended).      A knife for a wood chipping apparatus, comprising opposed front and back sides co-terminating in two cutting edges defining a plane wherein said front side is below said plane and said back side is above said plane, the knife having an elongate axis, wherein said front side includes at least two points of maximum distance from said plane and a surface therebetween of lesser distance from said plane to define a recess between said two points, and wherein said back

side includes at least one of (a) at least two points of maximum distance from said plane and a surface therebetween of lesser distance from said plane to define a recess between said two points of said back side, and (b) a surface of maximum distance from said plane and at least two points of lesser distance from said plane that bound said surface to define a semi-circular projection between said two points of said back side, wherein said knife is bilaterally symmetric about a plane parallel to said elongate axis.

14 (previously amended). The knife of claim 13, wherein said back side includes (a) and not (b).

15 (cancelled).

16 (previously amended). The knife of claim 14, wherein said surface defined in (a) is semi-cylindrical.

17 (original). The knife of claim 16, wherein said surface defined in (a) is substantially half-cylindrical.

18 (cancelled).

19 (cancelled).

20 (cancelled).

21 (cancelled).

22 (cancelled).

23 (cancelled).

24 (cancelled).

25 (original). A clamp for clamping a knife having a back side for use in a wood chipping apparatus, the knife having a recess in the back side, the clamp comprising an inner surface for disposition proximate the back side of the knife including a projection extending therefrom engaging the recess in the knife, said projection having at least two sides that are substantially perpendicular to said inner surface, each connecting to a convex tip portion of said projection.

26 (Amended). A wood chipping apparatus, comprising:

a knife having an elongate axis and a side terminating in a cutting edge; and

a clamp for clamping the knife, the clamp having an inner surface for disposition proximate said side of said knife, wherein said side includes an interlocking feature adapted to interlockingly engage a complementary interlocking feature of said surface of said clamp to prevent the knife from slipping with respect to said clamp along a first direction that is perpendicular to said elongate axis while freely permitting separation of the knife from said ~~outer clamping member~~ clamp along a second direction that is substantially perpendicular to

said elongate axis and to said first direction, said interlocking feature of said surface of said clamp extending sufficiently from said inner surface so that most of the back side of said knife does not make contact with said ~~outer clamping member clamp~~ when the knife is clamped thereby.

27 (original). The apparatus of claim 26, wherein said interlocking features are adapted to permit rotation of said knife about said elongate axis.

28 (Amended). A wood chipping apparatus, comprising:

a knife having an elongate axis, front and back sides co-terminating in a cutting edge, the knife being bilaterally symmetric with respect to a plane parallel to said elongate axis; and

a clamp for clamping the knife, the clamp having an inner surface for disposition proximate the back side of said knife, wherein the back side of said knife includes an interlocking feature adapted to interlockingly engage a complementary interlocking feature of said surface of said clamp to prevent the knife from slipping with respect to said clamp along a first direction that is perpendicular to said elongate axis while freely permitting separation of the knife from said

~~outer clamping member clamp~~ along a second direction that is substantially perpendicular to said elongate axis and to said first direction.

29 (original). The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said interlocking features are adapted to permit rotation of said knife about said elongate axis.

30 (original). A wood chipping apparatus, comprising:

a knife having an elongate axis and front and back sides co-terminating in a cutting edge;

an outer clamping member for clamping the knife, the outer clamping member having an inner surface for disposition proximate the back side of said knife, wherein the back side of said knife includes an interlocking feature adapted to interlockingly engage a complementary interlocking feature of said surface of said outer clamping member to prevent the knife from slipping with respect to said clamp along a first direction that is perpendicular to said elongate axis while freely permitting separation of the knife from said outer clamping member; and

an inner clamping member for clamping the knife against said outer clamping member, the inner clamping member having an outer surface for disposition proximate the front side of said knife, wherein the front side of said knife includes an interlocking feature adapted to interlockingly engage a complementary interlocking feature of said surface of said inner clamping member to prevent the knife from slipping with respect to said inner clamping member along a first direction that is perpendicular to said elongate axes while freely permitting separation of the knife from said inner clamping member.

31 (original). The apparatus of claim 30, wherein said interlocking features of said back side of said knife and said inner surface of said outer clamping member are adapted to permit rotation of said knife about said elongate axis.

32 (previously added). A clamp for a knife in a wood chipping device having opposed front and back sides, the clamp comprising an outer clamping member adapted for interlocking engagement with the back side of the knife, the outer clamping member having a threaded aperture extending therethrough for threadably receiving a threaded member, the clamp further comprising an inner clamping member adapted for interlocking engagement with the front side of the knife and being adapted to pivot about a pivot point on said wood chipping device and being coupled to said threaded member wherein threading said threaded member in and out of said aperture translates said

threaded member and thereby pivots said inner clamping member with respect to said outer clamping member about said pivot point an adjustable amount.

33 (previously added).      The clamp of claim 32, wherein said outer clamping member is adapted for interlocking engagement with the back side of the knife at an interlocking location on said outer clamping member, and wherein said projection includes at least two parallel sides connecting to said tip portion, at least one of which is substantially perpendicular to a surface of said clamp that is adjacent said interlocking location.

34 (previously added).      The clamp of claim 32, wherein said outer clamping member is adapted for interlocking engagement with the back side of the knife by use of a projection extending therefrom that includes a tip portion, wherein the knife has an elongate axis, and wherein said tip portion has a substantially half-circular cross-section in a plane perpendicular to said axis.

35 (previously added).      A knife for a wood chipping apparatus, comprising opposed front and back sides co-terminating in two cutting edges, the knife having an elongate axis, wherein said back side includes at least one groove having a semi-circular cross-section in a plane perpendicular to said elongate axis, wherein said front side includes at least one deflector ridge projecting therefrom.

36 (previously added).      The knife of claim 35, wherein the knife is bilaterally symmetric about a plane parallel to said elongate axis.

37 (previously added).      The knife of claim 35, wherein said back side includes only one said groove.

38 (previously added).      The knife of claim 35, wherein said cross-section is substantially half-circular.

39 (previously added).      The knife of claim 38, wherein the knife is bilaterally symmetric about a plane parallel to said elongate axis.